

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
Adult Issues Committee
Minutes of Meeting, February 20, 2015
DDDS Fox Run, 2nd floor training room
2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE
And
Teleconference
302-526-5475
Conference ID 6940783#
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Members present at meeting location: **Larry Henderson**, Executive Director- Independent Resources, Inc., Self-Advocate, Committee Chair **Laura Strmel**, St. John's Community Services

Guests present at meeting location: **Chris Oakes**, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Persons with Disabilities, Delaware Oral Health Coalition

Members attending via teleconference: **Carol Barnett**, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Persons with Disabilities (DSAAPD); **Bill Monaghan**, Officer- Delaware People First (DPF) & Self-Advocate; **Barbara Monaghan**, Officer- Delaware People First, Self-Advocate, DDC Chair; **Karen Gallagher**, Self-Advocate; **HarrietAnn Litwin**, Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR);

Guests attending via teleconference: **Jeff Foster**, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) Intern; **Tim Cooper**, Director, Office of Preparedness; **Emmanuel Jenkins**, We Stand for Something; **Beth MacDonald**, Special Needs Alert Program (SNAP) Coordinator, Office of Preparedness; **Ginny Schwartz**, All Clear Emergency Management Group; **Joanne Huie**, All Clear Emergency Management Group; **Lorraine Janusas**, Eventful Connections; **Dr. Gary Colangelo**, Chair, Delaware Oral Health Coalition; **Patrick Gleason**, The Shriver Center, University of Massachusetts

Members Absent: **Sonal Cercena**, Self-Advocate; **Bernadette DeAngelis**, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS); **Vivian Turner**, Director- Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success (CERTS); **Alvin Emory**, Self-Advocate; **Gary Mears**, Ed.D., Parent Advocate; **Debra Veenema**, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Delaware; **Tina Fields**, Self-Advocate; **Terri Hancharick**, Parent Advocate

Staff: (via teleconference) **Kristin Cosden** Social Services Administrator –DDC

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM

II. Approval of Minutes: The January 16, 2015, meeting minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda: The February 20, 2015, meeting agenda was approved as mailed.

IV. **Chair's Report:** Larry Henderson stated that he would prefer not to provide a report this month, in order to allow the maximum amount of time for the committee's guest presenters and project planning team.

V. **Staff Report:** Kristin Cosden likewise deferred to the guest presenters and the project planning team

VI.

A. Presentation- Chris Oakes, DSAAPD and Dr. Gary Colangelo, Delaware Oral Health Coalition:

Chris Oakes state that her PowerPoint presentation would be made available at a later date for members who were unable to attend the meeting in person or who were joining the meeting via teleconference. Inclement weather prevented many committee members from traveling to the meeting. Likewise, Council staff joined the meeting via teleconference, as did Dr. Gary Colangelo.

Chris and Dr. Colangelo shared information regarding the programs and initiatives that the Delaware Oral Health Coalition is presently working on, or hope to begin working on. As background, Chris stated that the Delaware Oral Health Coalition was established by the Delaware General Assembly in 2005. Chris stated that the Delaware General Assembly recognized the importance of good oral health on one's overall health and well-being. The coalition's main focus, since its establishment in 2005, has been on children's dental health. Dr. Colangelo shared that he is a retired dentist with 45 years of experience in the field. Dr. Colangelo stated that his focus since joining the coalition has mainly been on underserved populations. Dr. Colangelo gave examples of underserved populations. This includes individuals who are homeless, in residential care facilities and people with disabilities.

Chris stated that the Delaware Oral Health Coalition's new state plan is focused on expanding the coalition's focus. Four broad goals for 2015 include improving access to quality dental care for aging adults and persons with disabilities, improving access and literacy regarding good oral health for children, increasing overall literacy about oral health and increasing community partnerships to promote literacy and good oral health.

Chris and Dr. Colangelo informed the committee that membership to the Delaware Oral Health Coalition is open to all interested parties. The coalition is planning an Oral Health Forum at Dover Downs on May 8, 2015. Chris stated that there will likely be another forum held in the fall. She went on to say that the coalition is working to focus more on overall oral health, not just dental health. The coalition has aligned itself with several state health plans, and will be tracking and encouraging legislation related to oral health.

Committee members' questions for Chris and Dr. Colangelo, *paraphrased answers in italics-*

- What current legislative actions are in the works to promote access to quality oral health services for persons with disabilities? *Past attempted legislation includes Senate Bills 56 and 57.*

- Who in the Delaware General Assembly do you feel would be receptive to such legislation? *Senator Bethany Hall-Long has been supportive of ideas for legislation promoting access to oral health care for people with disabilities.*
- How can this committee support the coalition's efforts? *By helping to raise awareness about the need for access to quality oral health care for people with disabilities.*
- Do you have data on the number of people in Delaware who do not have access to quality dental care due to cost? *These data are not readily available at this time.*
- What is the co-morbidity associated with poor oral health? *There are many examples of the consequences poor oral health can have on one's overall well-being.*
- What are some examples of co-morbidity? *Examples include low birth weight being associated with periodontal disease; periodontal disease increasing the risk for heart health problems, poor oral health also tends to have an adverse effect on blood sugar levels for people who have Diabetes.*
- Are there any Delaware –specific statistics that you can share? *There is a study on dental decay in third graders. There are also studies on the location of dental offices.*

The committee asked Chris and Dr. Colangelo to share information, in a single document, regarding the full list of initiatives and programs that the Delaware Oral Health Coalition is currently working on. Chris stated that she would send that information to Kristin Cosden at the DDC, for dissemination to the committee.

Following the presentation, Chris and Dr. Colangelo recused themselves for the committee's discussion regarding whether to issue a RFP or attempt to partner with the Delaware Oral Health Coalition on any existing initiatives. The committee agreed that they would like to see the complete list and description of the Delaware Oral Health Coalition's projects and initiatives first, to see if there were any areas that would facilitate a natural partnership. Kristin stated that she will send the list, and the PowerPoint presentation, to the committee as soon as she receives it. The committee plans to discuss this matter further at their March 20, 2015 meeting.

**B.-“Prepare Yourself Delaware- A conference for people with disabilities and first responders”
Update from project planning team:**

Project planning team members Joanne Huie, Ginny Schwartzner and Lorraine Janusas led this portion of the meeting.

- The planning team needs the committee to draft session titles and descriptions.
- Kristin will send out any proposed session titles and descriptions to Joanne, who will put them into a Google Chart and send to the committee for voting.
- The planning team also needs speaker confirmations, bios, and photos of each speaker for the website.
- The committee asked that Kristin meet with Tim Cooper to see if he has any advice on getting replies to her speaker invitations.

- The committee would also like Kristin to attempt to make contact at the Fire School.
- The committee voted to open registration, with no cap on the *type* of registrants.
- The committee reviewed the floor plans for the Modern Maturity Center (MMC), provided by Lorraine, and approved of the setup for the conference.
- Additional tables will have to be rented, as there are not sufficient tables at the MMC
- There is not a professional AV team at the MMC. We will need volunteers.
- The committee will also need to source 2 additional projectors. Kristin stated that she will look into what partners may be willing to lend us their projector for the day.
- The MMC can accommodate a vegetarian or gluten-free meal request, but not a nut-free facility request. If a nut-free meal request comes in, Lorraine stated that the project planning team would handle that person's dietary needs individually.
- The registration form will be very specific in asking people to identify their specific food allergy.
- Exhibitors will be capped at 8, due to space restrictions.
- Non-profit exhibitor table- \$200
- For-profit exhibitor table-\$300
- Registrant/early bird- \$50
- Registrant/late- \$75
- Registrant/consumer- \$25
- Sponsor/USB Flash Drive- \$1,500 (All Clear would handle ordering the USB drives, included in price)
- Sponsor/Breakfast - \$1,000 (sponsor does not get to choose the menu)
- Sponsor/Lunch- \$1,500
- Sponsor/Lanyards- \$500
- Sponsorships are available for breaks **only** if the sponsor provides the food, since no food is currently budgeted to be served during breaks.
- Sponsorships **do not** include an exhibitor table.
- Patrick Gleason of the Shriver Center will get information regarding presenter Nate Trull's session title and description to the project planning team.
- Nate Trull will be traveling unaccompanied to the conference.
- Nate will arrive on 5/4 and leave at the conclusion of the conference on 5/5.
- The project management team are arranging for Nate's travel, which was made possible by funding from DSAAPD. Many thanks to Carol Barnett for arranging this for the committee.

VII. New Business:

All committee meetings in 2015 will be held on the third Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at DDDS Fox Run. The address is 2540 Wrangle Hill Rd., Suite 200, Bear, Delaware. Call-in

information will remain static as well. Please continue to use call in number 302-526-5475 and conference ID 6940783#

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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